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SUBJECT: INVENTORY OF REGULATIONS ON TEXTILE AND APPAREL

REF: DEPT'S A-7994; STATE 258475

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF GOH REGULATIONS ON  
IMPORTED TEXTILES AND APPAREL:

(A) IMPORTS OF COTTON TEXTILES FROM ALL COUNTRIES  
ARE REGULATED BY GOH DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.  
PRIOR APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE MUST BE OBTAINED  
FOR EACH IMPORTATION. APPROVAL USUALLY GRANTED AUTO-  
MATICALLY EXCEPT IN CASE OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS THAT COMPETE  
WITH DOMESTIC GOODS, SUCH AS BLUE DENIM OR WHEN SOURCE  
IS SOCIALIST COUNTRY.

(B) SURTAX: SURTAX OF 6-8 PERCENT OF C.I.F. VALUE  
APPLICABLE TO MOST IMPORTED PRODUCTS. IN ADDITION, REGIE  
DU TABAC LEVIES "DISTRIBUTION COMMISSION" ON MANY IMPORTS,  
INCLUDING COTTON AND OTHER TEXTILES. COMMISSION IS FIXED  
SUM PER 25 YARDS OF TEXTILES OR PER POUND OF YARD GOODS.

(C) IMPORTATION OF USED CLOTHING IS BANNED.

(D) NATIONAL BANK USUALLY REQUIRES IMPORTERS OPENING  
LETTERS OF CREDIT TO MAKE CASH DEPOSITS OF UP TO 100 PERCENT  
OF APPLICABLE IMPORT DUTY. IN ADDITION, NATIONAL BANK  
FOLLOWS LOCAL COMMERCIAL BANKING PRACTICE IN REQUIRING  
IMPORTERS OPENING LETTERS OF CREDIT TO MAKE CASH  
DEPOSITS OF 25-100 PERCENT OF AMOUNT OF LETTER OF  
CREDIT. DEPOSIT REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO ALL IMPORTS.

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(E) TAX: IMPORTERS USUALLY REQUIRED TO

PAY "CONTRIBUTION FOR ECONOMIC LIBERATION" FOR STIPULATED  
PERCENT OF AMOUNT SHOWN ON CUSTOMS INVOICE. TAX MUST  
BE PAID ON ALL IMPORTS.

2. FOREGOING IS BELIEVED TO BE COMPLETE LIST OF GOH  
REGULATIONS IN TEXTILE FIELD. REFERENCE TO "STATE  
TRADING" IN PREVIOUS LIST DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE  
ACCURATE SINCE REGIE DU TABAC "CONTROL" OF IMPORTED  
TEXTILES IS LIMITED TO ADMINISTRATION OF SYSTEM OF  
"DISTRIBUTION COMMISSIONS". GOH REGULATIONS DO NOT  
APPEAR TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST IMPORTS OF AMERICAN  
TEXTILE GOODS.  
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